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### STATEMENT CONCERNING COMMON OWNERSHIP

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Sir:

This Statement Concerning Common Ownership is being submitted concurrently with an Amendment dated October 11, 2005, to disqualify Patent Nos. 6,466,921 and 6,526,391 from being used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) against the claims of Application 09/777,592.

Application Serial No. 09/777,592 and U.S. Patent No. 6,466,921 were, at the time the invention of Application Serial No. 09/777,592 was made, commonly owned by Pitney Bowes Inc. or subject to an obligation of assignment to Pitney Bowes Inc.

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In view of the above statements, it is respectfully submitted that Patent Nos. 6,466,921 and 6,526,391 are disqualified from being used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) against the claims of Application 09/777,592.

Respectfully submitted,



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